

Amendments to House Bill No. 80
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For the House Business and Labor Committee

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1. Title, line 10.
Following: "DUTIES; REVISING"
Strike: "THE BASIS FOR"
Insert: "PROVISIONS RELATING TO"
2. Title, line 10 through line 11.
Strike: "TO" on line 10 through "ADDICTION" on line 11
3. Title, line 17.
Following: "37-35-201,"
Insert: "37-35-202,"
4. Page 9, line 23 through line 25.
Strike: subsection (10) in its entirety
Renumber: subsequent subsections
5. Page 9, line 26.
Following: "(11)"
Strike: "documented"
6. Page 9, line 27 through line 28.
Strike: "in" on line 27 through "duties" on line 28
7. Page 11, line 28 through line 30.
Strike: subsection (13) in its entirety
Renumber: subsequent subsections
8. Page 12, line 2.
Following: "that the"
Strike: "documented"
9. Page 12, line 2 through line 3.
Strike: "in" on line 2 through "duties" on line 3
10. Page 28, line 11.
Strike: "or"
11. Page 28, following line 14.
Insert: "(d) of a student, intern, or resident in addiction counseling who is pursuing a course of study at an accredited college or university or who is working in a generally recognized training center if the activity or

service constitutes part of the course of study; or"
Renumber: subsequent subsection

12. Page 28, following line 22.

Insert: "Section 37. Section 37-35-202, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-35-202. Licensure requirements -- examination -- fees.

(1) To be eligible for licensure as a licensed addiction counselor, the applicant shall submit an application fee in an amount established by the department by rule and a written application on a form provided by the department that demonstrates that the applicant has completed the eligibility requirements and competency standards as defined by department rule.

(2) A person may apply for licensure as a licensed addiction counselor if the person has:

(a) received a baccalaureate or advanced degree in alcohol and drug studies, psychology, sociology, social work, or counseling, or a comparable degree from an accredited college or university; or

(b) received an associate of arts degree in alcohol and drug studies, addiction, or substance abuse from an accredited institution.

(3) Prior to becoming eligible to begin the examination process, each person shall complete supervised work experience in an addiction treatment program as defined by the department, in an internship approved by the department, or in a similar program recognized under the laws of another state.

(4) Each applicant shall successfully complete a competency examination, in writing only, as defined by rules adopted by the department.

(5) An applicant for licensure as a licensed addiction counselor must meet the education requirements before applying for licensure or beginning the required supervised work experience or internship.

(6) (a) An applicant who has completed all licensure requirements except the required supervised work experience or internship and the examination may apply for a temporary practice permit that authorizes the applicant to complete the required supervised work experience or internship.

(b) Temporary practice permits must be issued if it is determined that:

(i) a complete application approved by the department has been submitted;

(ii) initial screening by program staff shows no current disciplinary action against the applicant in this or any other state;

(iii) the applicant for a temporary practice permit may only function under the supervision of a supervisor who is trained in addiction counseling or a related field as defined by rule and who has an active license in good standing in Montana or any

other state; and

(iv) the applicant has completed all educational requirements as prescribed in subsection (2) (a) or (2) (b).

(c) A person may practice licensed addiction counseling under a temporary practice permit until the person either fails the first license examination for which the person is eligible following issuance of the temporary practice permit or passes the examination and is granted a license.

+5+ (7) A person holding a license to practice as a licensed addiction counselor in this state may use the title "licensed addiction counselor".

+6+ (8) For the purposes of this section, "comparable degree" means a degree with accredited college course work, of which 6 credit hours must be in human behavior, sociology, psychology, or a similar emphasis, 3 credit hours must be in psychopathology or course work exploring patterns and courses of abnormal or deviant behavior, and 9 credit hours must be in counseling. For the 9 credit hours in counseling, 6 credit hours must be in group counseling and 3 credit hours must be in the theory of counseling. The credit hours specified in this subsection may be obtained in an associate or master's degree program if the applicant does not have a qualifying baccalaureate degree."

{Internal References to 37-35-202:

37-35-103 x}"

Renumber: subsequent sections

13. Page 38, following line 22.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 52. Transition. Individuals who are qualified under 37-35-202(6) may engage in required supervised training in addiction counseling until rules for applying for and the issuance of temporary permits are adopted and implemented by the department of labor and industry."

Renumber: subsequent sections

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